

TO EXAMINE STEAMER NEBRASKAN

U. S. Will Not Accept Admiralty
Statement Without Proof—
Serious Affair if Vessel
Torpedoed

CAPTAIN SENDS ANOTHER MESSAGE

Says Explosion Came at Dusk Five
Minutes After Flag Hauled
Down—Crew Off Ship
an Hour

By United Press.

Washington, May 27.—The statement of the captain of the Nebraska that he saw nothing and had no warning is taken here to give the situation an air of mystery which may make it unsolvable. If the vessel was torpedoed it is generally agreed that it was an act of war.

By United Press.

Washington, May 27.—The statement made by the British admiralty that the American steamer Nebraska was torpedoed will not be accepted by officials here without proof.

The naval attaché of the American embassy in London will examine the vessel after she arrives at Liverpool with a view to determining whether she was damaged by a mine or by a submarine.

If investigation discloses that the ship was the target of a torpedo, it is admittedly an assault upon the national honor of America which no ordinary apology can satisfy.

By United Press.

London, May 27.—Ambassador Page has sent the naval attaché of the American embassy to Liverpool to examine the steamer Nebraska to ascertain whether it was torpedoed or struck a mine.

The British admiralty claims that it does not know anything about the presence of any British submarines in the vicinity of where the Nebraska met its mishap and it refuses to admit the possibility of mines breaking loose from their moorings.

Report From Captain.

By United Press.

Washington, May 27.—Consul General Skinner at London cabled to the state department today that he had received a wireless message from the Nebraska saying that the American flag was hauled down at dusk just five minutes before the explosion.

The captain said the vessel experienced a violent shock, followed by a terrific explosion, bursting the hatches and hurling the derrick, together with twisted iron and other parts high in the air.

The crew were off of the vessel one hour and then went back to the ship, which was escorted toward Liverpool by British vessels.

The captain said he had no warning of any attack. The name of the ship was painted on both sides in six foot letters.

Germany, in a circular note to neutral governments on May 11, announced that regret would be expressed and payment of damages made without prize court proceedings for all neutral vessels attacked by mistake in the war zone. The United States in its note of May 12, pointed out that "expressions of regret and offers of reparation in case of the destruction of neutral ships sunk by mistake, while they may satisfy international obligations if no loss of life results, cannot justify or excuse a practice, the natural and necessary effect of which is to subject neutral nations and neutral persons to new and immeasurable risks."

Officials here were reticent to discuss the case pending full reports. Counselor Lansing of the state department revealed, however, that assurances some time ago had been made by Great Britain, that the effect of such mines as had been laid by the British admiralty were of a nature as to become innocuous if detached from their anchorage. No other government, Mr. Lansing said, had given similar assurances.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

Tonight, partly cloudy, cooler in the east portion, Friday generally fair.
Local Temperature.
During the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m.
Maximum 80
Minimum 59
Rain, .74 inch.

MAY SEND CAVALRY TO BORDER

Bitter Feeling Aroused by Killing
of Guards by Mexicans—
Dead Ranger is Brother
of Hulén Boys Here

By United Press.

Washington, May 27.—It is admitted here today that the war department may have to call on the cavalry to patrol the border around Pinar, Tex., as a result of the bitter feeling growing out of the killing of the Texas rangers and river guards by Mexican bandits.

According to reports reaching here a fight occurred Monday night between bandits and river guards in which two rangers, Gene Hulén and Joe Setter, were killed.

In addition to the two men killed the party consisted of Rangers Cummings and Trolinger and River Guard Craighead. Whether the Americans were attacked in a body and became separated during the fighting or whether Setter and Hulén were cut off by the bandits is not known here. It is said that in border fights Setter had killed several Mexicans in the last few years. Ranger Hulén is a brother of former Adjutant General of Texas John A. Hulén, now a resident of Houston.

Is Known Here.

Gene Hulén, the Texas ranger who was killed by alleged Mexican bandits on Tuesday near the Mexican border on the Big Bend section of Texas, was a brother of V. H. Hulén, former county assessor of Grady county, and Frank Hulén, a farmer living near Middleburg. While the slain officer was never a resident of Chickasha, he had visited here and was known by many Chickasha people.

Hulén had been a ranger but a matter of two or three years, joining that service from Houston, Tex., where he was an officer at the union depot. He also lived in Gainesville, Tex. He was but slightly younger than V. H. Hulén and was unmarried.

Frank Hulén, who was in Chickasha today, received a telegram confirming the news of his brother's death. He said Gene was engaged in the cattle business with Vic Hulén about fourteen or fifteen years ago near Tuttle.

SPENCER'S STRONG BOX IS STOLEN

Last night about midnight, burglars were discovered in the grocery store of H. B. Spencer, 418 Kansas avenue, but before aid could arrive they made their escape with the strong box from the safe, together with sundry cigars and tobacco. The strong box contained no money but about \$1000 worth of notes and valuable papers, that could be of no use to others than Mr. Spencer.

Sam Flatau, an express messenger, going home at a late hour, saw two men in the store. One was large and the other of smaller proportions. Mr. Flatau gave the alarm at once and within ten minutes the officers and several citizens were gathered at the store, but it was too late. The men realized that they were discovered and fled.

Entrance was effected by springing the double doors at the front of the store. The outer door was not locked

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SAD STORY IS RELATED BY WOMAN

Bereft of Husband and Parents in
New Mexico and Almost Pen-
siless, is Warily Walk-
ing to Virginia

TAKEN IN CUSTODY BUT IS RELEASED

Six Shooter Excites Suspicion But
Recital of Her Sorrows Soon
Arouses Sympathy—As-
sisted by Officers

Released this morning from the custody of the county officials after an investigation, was a haggard, worn woman who gave her name as Mrs. Loney who, according to her story, is walking, of necessity, from New Mexico to Honaker, Va., where she says relatives reside.

Reports came yesterday to the officers, stating that the woman was suspected of being insane, but such charges were entirely banished today after an examination by the county officials, their belief being that she is simply worn out from exposure and hardships and that a little rest is all that is needed to transform her into almost a different being.

She was first heard of in this county at Rush Springs. It was there that her case was first investigated. The town officials found that in a small bundle that she carried was hidden a six-shooter, fully loaded. This fact excited suspicions, but she was allowed to leave town. She arrived in Chickasha yesterday.

Located at the Rock Island depot, officers were sent to bring her to the county jail. She came without trouble and after a good night's rest and two substantial meals she told her story this morning to the officers.

Her mother and father and her husband had died at their home in New Mexico, according to her story. Her only relatives then, were two cousins living in Honaker, Va. The death of her people in New Mexico left her nothing but sorrow and in the absence of funds, there was nothing left for her to do but to get to Virginia the best possible way, which so far has been mainly walking.

Sickness attacked her on the way and she was laid up. At what point or for how long she does not know. Apparently half starved, but recently recovered from illness, overwhelmed by the greatest sorrows to which the human family fall heir, it is not thought strange that she has lost account of the length of time she has been on the way.

Fifty cents is the amount she has left out of the few, the very few dollars that constituted her financial resources for the long trip, to what she hopes will be a peaceful home in Virginia. That she was accustomed to meet difficulties as they arose, was evidenced by her willingness to proceed on her journey and relieve the Chickasha officials of all trouble. She offered to buy a ticket as far as her lone fifty cent piece would admit and trust to her own resources thereafter.

The report was circulated that when approached by certain officials, she made a gun play with the weapon wrapped in her bundle. The presence of the gun might suggest that she was a female bank robber, adventuress and a few other things. Yes, it might; but the story told by the woman is at least woven of different thread.

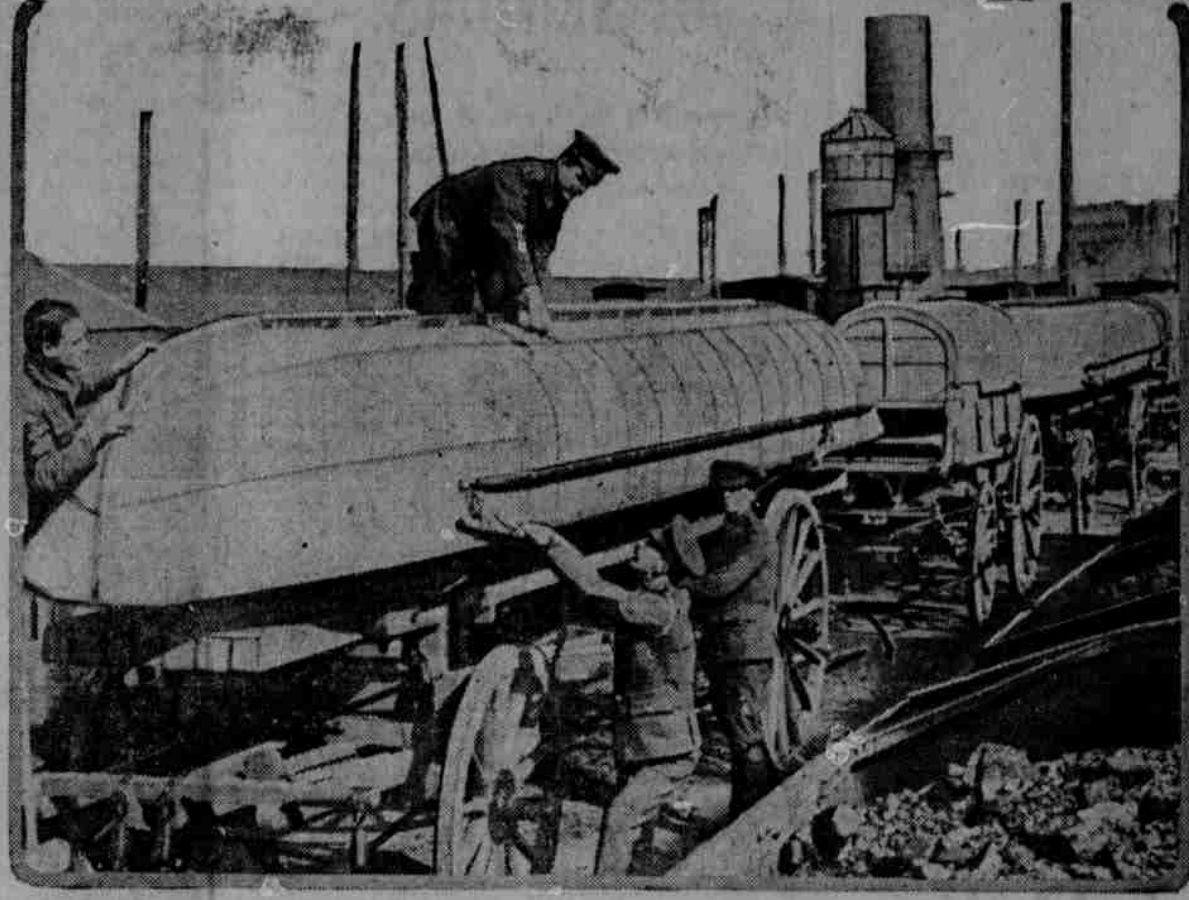
Carefully wrapped in cloths and embedded in the center of a little bundle, was the gun. Thoroughly oiled and cared for it was. Where did the gun come from? It was the property of her dead husband, she said. Who knows but that it was the only article in her possession that belonged to him? If that be the case, it is probably in accordance with the natural course of events that she keep it and care for it properly.

She was released from jail and acquitted of all suspicions after a hearing this morning. More than that, the officials have taken up a collection of a few dollars to help her along the way.

It so happens that among the in-

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STEEL PONTOONS FOR THE YSER REGION



Men of the British engineer corps loading on railway cars the specially constructed steel pontoons designed for use in crossing the Yser and the canals of that region.

ABOUT TO SURROUND RUSSIANS

Reported Austro-German Forces
Take Lemberg-Przemysl Railroad
--French Claim Progress--
Italian King in Command

By United Press.

Berlin, May 27.—Unofficial advices from Eperjes, Hungary, say the Austro-German forces under Gen. Mackensen have reached the Lemberg-Przemysl railway.

If this report is true it means that the Slav army at Przemysl is in danger of being surrounded.

Call Out More Troops.

By United Press.

Amsterdam, May 27.—Advices from Berlin say that all of Germany's untrained landstrum over thirty-five years of age have been called into active service as a result of Italy's entrance into the war.

Intervenes for American.

By United Press.

Berlin, May 27.—Ambassador Gerard intervened with the German foreign office for the purpose of freeing

Mrs. Harriet Boyce and daughter of San Francisco, who are held in custody by German officers.

The American women were sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment at Lindau, Bavaria, on the charge of insulting a German officer who examined their baggage.

The women say that their unfamiliarity with the German language may have caused the officer to construe their remarks as an insult. They are now out on bail.

Progress Claimed.

By United Press.

Paris, May 27.—The war office claims that the French made fresh progress in the direction of Lens.

It was also asserted that the French captured one trench around Souchez and killed many Germans east of Neuville.

King Assumed Command.

By United Press.

Rome, May 27.—The king has assumed command of the Italian land and sea forces. He issued an order declaring that he will lead a united Italy to victory which will result in the restoration of the lost provinces of Istria and Trentino.

Big Battle Impending.

By United Press.

Berlin, May 27.—Correspondents with the Austrian army and at Chiasio, Switzerland, in their dispatches today indicate that a big battle between the Austrians and Italians will be staged soon along the Trentino border.

Chief Phillips Calls Halt on Speeders and "Jay" Drivers

"Chickasha has more automobiles, more motorcycles, more vehicles of every kind and unless some action is taken to prevent it, the city will be appalled some of these days by a terrible accident with several people killed. The speeding, jay driving and corner cutting must be stopped, and it will be stopped," said Chief Ben Phillips this morning.

While the chief did not state definitely what method would be followed in order to keep tabs on the offenders of the driving ordinance, it is believed that the department contemplates the use of a motorcycle "plain clothes" cop, whose duty it will be to cruise the city and bring the law breakers into camp.

Speaking of the general customs among the drivers, the chief said, "One of the most dangerous practices is that of corner cutting with machines and vehicles. This applies to wagons. Many of the accidents are due to this particular thing. Of course, there is always the danger from the speeder. It is absolutely necessary now to put a 'string' on him and make him cut that speed down to a pace set by any sane man."

"Observance of cross streets is another important feature that is often disregarded. Especially is this true in the residence district. A car will

come tearing down the street and though it approaches another street equally as fast and being driven equally as reckless on the cross street, the breakneck pace is continued on across street after street. Sometime, two such idiots are going to run together and that will be end of them.

"The police department is going after the speeders, jay drivers and corner cutters. It is hard for the police to do anything for the simple reason that it is difficult to catch them, and still more difficult to prove that they were exceeding the speed limit. The driving ordinances prohibit speeding, cutting corners or driving on the left side of the street. Some of the farmers, and possibly people in Chickasha do not know that it is contrary to law to drive on the left side of the street or to cut diagonally across the corners. This practice must be broken up or some serious accidents will result. We may have more to say later at which time we hope to have something definite in the way of a remedy.

"I do not wish to work a hardship on anyone, but the ordinances governing driving, and this applies to teams and buggies as well as automobiles and motorcycles, must be obeyed. Drivers of all vehicles should take warning if they do not wish to be brought into police court."

RUSSIAN STUDENT IS HERO

Lieutenant Bears Charmed Life—
Lone Survivor in Several Ac-
tions Wins Three Orders
of St. George Cross

BRITONS DECORATED FOR BRAVE DEEDS

First Royal Berkshires Receive
Many Medals—Tommy Atkins
and German Soldier Fight
it Out in Duel

By United Press.

Petrograd, May 27.—(By mail to New York.)—The story of the charming life of Lieut. Kallisky was told here today.

With it was told the bravery of the young Russian student who joined the army when war broke out and how he won three orders of the Cross of St. George.

Kallisky is known as the "orphan gunner."

At Gumbinnen three German batteries concentrated on the gun served by Kallisky and a number of comrades. All the horses and all the men fell but Kallisky. He retired but returned with thirty soldiers and saved the gun. After that the Order of St. George (fourth class) shone on Kallisky's breast.

Kallisky's battery again moved to the vicinity of Goldnap where once again the German gunners killed all but Kallisky. He was again reinforced and saved the gun. This time he earned the Order of St. George (third class.)

Then came the retreat from Angustov forest. The "orphan gunner" then became a scout. Near Lipke with his brother and two other soldiers Kallisky negotiated a daring reconnaissance across the River Bohr. His brother and one soldier were killed but again Kallisky escaped. He returned to headquarters with valuable information and the commander pinned the Order of St. George (second class) on his breast.

Kallisky is still scouting at the front and Petrograd is waiting to hear that he has received the Order of St. George (first class.)

Makes Medal for Record.

By United Press.

London, May 15.—(By mail to New York.)—The hero medal record of the war belongs to the First Royal Berkshires.

Men of this famous regiment had been decorated before but the crowning achievement to its glory came when King George decorated seven members simultaneously for distinguished conduct under fire. Their feats of gallantry were performed at different times. Heading the list of the gallant seven is Acting Corporal Henry Day, who left a trench in northern France under heavy fire to obtain water for a wounded man. Though wounded he filled his canteen safely and aided his companion to drink before his wound weakened him into unconsciousness.

Second comes Acting Corporal Geo. Babcock, who, with a handful of men, held a forward trench against overwhelming odds, so tenaciously that the Germans concluded it was held in force and drew off. Acting Sergeant William Winter is next. Winter left his trench under fire and recovered a machine gun which had been buried by a shell. He then worked the gun unaided and repulsed a detachment of the enemy. Acting Corporal Nalen and Lance Corporal C. G. Hill followed in order, while they received their medals. Nalen crawled from his trench and in a hail of the enemy fire cut away a tree that was masking the fire of British guns. Hill led a detachment of men through a hedge into the face of bullets. He was wounded.

Two of the seven are privates. Private J. Pim entered a house occupied by a number of Germans who were firing on his company, and single handed, cleared them out. Only three escaped. He was wounded. Driver E. Harris comes next. Harris carried

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